(a) whether a Caretaker was appointed for the Inspection Quarter at Moradabad on 15th October, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Postmaster General, Bareilly stayed in the said inspection quarter from 12th September, 1990 to 16th September, 1990 when there was no caretaker;

(c) if so, with whom the rent of Inspection Quarter was deposited during that period;

(d) whether it is also a fact that most of the officers used the Inspection Quarter as their residence, and also draw the House Rent Allowance, and do not deposited the rent as fixed by the department; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against officers found guilty of drawing irregular HRA and occupying the inspection quarter illegally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. There is no post of Caretaker sanctioned for Inspection Quarters as Moradabad.

(b) Yes, Sir. The work of looking after the Inspection Quarter was carried out by a contingent paid employee.

(c) Rent of Inspection Quarter for the period was paid to contingent employee who looked after the Inspection quarter.

(d) Some officers stayed in the Inspection Quarters for short spells for periods ranging upto four months and credited rent prescribed for short stays and also drew HRA.

(e) Inadmissible HRA and rent at the prescribed rates have already been recovered from such officers. In addition, it has been decided to warn the officers concerned.

Electronic exchange installed at Capyainganj, Distt. Deoria, Uttar Pradesh

1600. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the electronic Telephone Exchange installed at Capyainganj, Distt. Deoria, Uttar Pradesh is in a very bad condition;

(b) whether Government is also aware that although STD/ISD facilities have been provided from this exchange but they are not available in actual practice; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the STD/ISD facilities provided to this exchange at present will start functioning before the end of May 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, performance of Capyainganj Exchange is satisfactory.

(b) and (c) The STD/ISD to Capyainganj Exchange has now been provided on open wire carrier system which is prone to faults due to adverse weather conditions and thefts etc. The system will be replaced by more reliable media during 8th Five Year Plan.

Vacation of a building under deptt. of Post at Calcutta

1601. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his predecessor had promised an Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha vide his letter No. 67-25/86-PRP (BP-I) dated 30.10.91 that the

department of posts would vacate building No. 2, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta by the first week of December, 1991 and hand it over to its owners;

(b) whether the said promise has been fulfilled;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above-mentioned Hon'ble M.P. had given alternate suggestions vide his letter dated 12-8-1992 to the former Minister to enable the department to vacate the building; and

(e) if so, what are those suggestions and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Department had thought of providing space for the office of Directo PLI in Yogayog Bhawan by shifting one of its offices functioning there. But the plan could not be implemented due to resistance from the staff Unions of the office proposed to be shifted from Yogayog Bhawan.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Hon'ble M.P. had suggested that enough space was available in the ground, 8th, 11th, 12th and 13th floors of the Yogayog Bhawan, Calcutta for shifting the office of Director (PLI) Calcutta from its present rented building. The suggestion of the Hon'ble M.P. was examined but found not feasible.

Financial resources raised to modernise the dot

1602. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent increase in tariffs announced by his Ministry will raise over Rs. 750 crores of financial resources;

(b) whether any specific projects or modernisation programme has been enhance the quality of work and sersources;

(c) if not, whether these funds will be utilised for running the existing telecom operations;

(d) whether there is any proposal to prone the vast number of personnel to economise; and spend some of the money raised on personnel training to enhance the quality of work and service and motivation of employees working in the telecom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The recent tariff revisions will raise only Rs. 640 crores in 1993-94.

(b) and (c) The Telecom tariffs have been revised to mop up additional resources to accomplish the physical targets of the 8th five year plan (1992-97) which includes expansion, upgradation, modernisation and also for cross-subsidization of services in the rural and tribal areas.

(d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to prone the number of personnel. However, Department of Telecommunications on its own has embarked on a large training programme to enhace the quality of work ad service and motivate the employees. The training proposed will make Department of Telecome. personnel adopt to new technology equipment that is being inducted in the field.

Non functioning of Calcutta telephones

1603. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of telephones of the subscribers pertaining to level "479", "440", "473" exchanges